

JAYS, CROWS, TITMOUSE,  
WRENS, NUTHATCHES

	Sp	Su	F	W	Notes
---- Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
---- American Crow	C	C	C	C	
---- Fish Crow	C	C	C	C	
---- Common Raven	U	U	U	U	
---- Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	N
---- Carolina Chickadee	C	C	C	C	
---- Tufted Titmouse	C	C	C	C	
---- Red-breasted Nuthatch	U		U	U	
---- White-breasted Nuthatch	C	F	C	C	
---- Brown Creeper	U	R	U	U	
---- Carolina Wren	C	C	C	C	
---- House Wren	C	C	C	U	
---- Winter Wren	U		U	U	
---- Sedge Wren	R	R	R		
---- Marsh Wren	U	U	U	R	S

MOCKINGBIRDS, THRUSHES, GNATCATCHER, KINGLETS,  
WAXWING, SHRIKES, STARLING

---- Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C	C	
---- Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	C	
---- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	C	C		
---- Eastern Bluebird	C	U	C	C	
---- Veery	C	U	C		
---- Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U		
---- Swainson's Thrush	C		C		
---- Hermit Thrush	U		U	U	
---- Wood Thrush	C	C	C		
---- American Robin	C	C	C	U	
---- Gray Catbird	C	C	C	R	
---- Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	C	
---- Brown Thrasher	U	U	U	R	
---- American Pipet	U		U	U	
---- Cedar Waxwing	F	U	F	F	
---- Loggerhead Shrike	R		R	R	
---- European Starling	C	C	C	C	

VIREOS, WARBLERS, TANAGER

---- White-eyed Viero	F	F	F		
---- Solitary Viero	U		U		
---- Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U	U		
---- Blue-headed Vireo	U		U		
---- Warbling Vireo	F	F	F		
---- Philadelphia Vireo	R		R		
---- Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		
---- Blue-winged Warbler	F	R	F		
---- Golden-winged Warbler	U	R	U		
---- Tennessee Warbler	C		C		
---- Orange-crowned Warbler	R		R		

	Sp	Su	F	W	Notes
---- Nashville Warbler	F		U		
---- Northern Parula Warbler	C	C	C		
---- Yellow Warbler	C	C	C		
---- Chestnut-sided Warbler	F		F		
---- Magnolia Warbler	F		F		
---- Cape May Warbler	F		F		
---- Black-throated Blue Warbler	F		F		
---- Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	C	
---- Black-throated Green Warbler	F		F		
---- Blackburnian Warbler	U		U		
---- Yellow-thoated Warbler	U	U	U		
---- Pine Warbler	U	U	U		
---- Prairie Warbler	U	U	U		
---- Palm Warbler	U		U		
---- Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U		
---- Blackpoll Warbler	C		C		
---- Cerulean Warbler	U	U	U		
---- Black and White Warbler	C	U	C		
---- American Redstart	C	F	C		
---- Prothonotary Warbler	C	C	U		
---- Worm-eating Warbler	U	U	U		
---- Ovenbird	C	C	C		
---- Northern Waterthrush	F		F		
---- Louisiana Waterthrush	F	F	F		
---- Kentucky Warbler	U	U	U		
---- Connecticut Warbler	R		R		
---- Mourning Warbler	R		R		
---- Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	R	
---- Hooded Warbler	U	R	U		
---- Wilson's Warbler	U		U		
---- Canada Warbler	F		F		
---- Yellow-breasted Chat	F	F	F		
---- Summer Tanager	U	R	U		
---- Scarlet Tanager	C	C	C		

GROSBEAKS, FINCHES, BUNTING,  
SPARROW

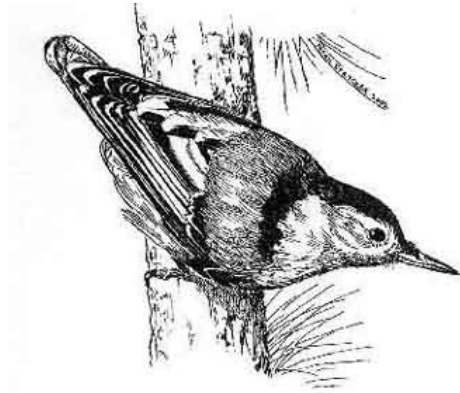
---- Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C	
---- Rose-breasted Grosbeak	F	R			
---- Blue Grosbeak	U	U	U		
---- Indigo Bunting	C	C	C		
---- Dickcissel	R	R	R		
---- Eastern Towhee	C	C	C	U	
---- American Tree Sparrow				U	
---- Chipping Sparrow	C	F	C	R	
---- Field Sparrow	F	F	F	U	
---- Vesper Sparrow	U		U		
---- Savannah Sparrow	U		U		
---- Grasshopper Sparrow	U	U	U		
---- Henslow's Sparrow	R		R		

	Sp	Su	F	W	Notes
---- Fox Sparrow	U		U	C	
---- Song Sparrow	C	C	C	C	
---- Lincoln's Sparrow	R		U		
---- Swamp Sparrow	F	R	F	F	
---- White-throated Sparrow	C		C	C	
---- White-crowned Sparrow	U		C	U	
---- Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	C	
---- Lapland Longspur				R	L
---- Snow Bunting				R	
---- Bobolink	U		U		
---- Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	U	
---- Eastern Meadowlark	U	U	U	R	
---- Rusty Blackbird	R		F	U	
---- Common Grackle	C	C	C	U	
---- Boat-tailed Grackle	F	F	F	F	
---- Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C	U	
---- Orchard Oriole	C	F	C		
---- Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C		
---- Purple Finch	C		C	C	
---- House Finch	U	U	U	U	
---- Red Crossbill				R	
---- White-winged Crossbill				R	
---- Pine Siskin	U		U	U	
---- American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	
---- Evening Grosbeak	R		R	R	
---- Common Redpoll				R	
---- House Sparrow	C	C	C	C	

Vagrants- American White Pelican, Anhinga, Tri-colored Heron, Glossy Ibis, White Ibis, Fulvous Whistling- Duck, Surf Scoter, Swallow-tailed Kite, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Red Phalarope, Ruddy Turnstone, Willet, Purple Gallinule, American Avocet, Stilt Sandpiper, Iceland Gull, Swainson’s Warbler, Black-headed Grosbeak, Bachman’s Sparrow, Brewer’s Blackbird

# Birds Along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal

A checklist for bird sightings  
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The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park is a great location to view the spring and fall migration of birds through the region. During weekends in late April and May, hundreds of bird-watchers walk the towpath in search of brightly colored warblers, tanagers and orioles. Favorite bird – watching spots along the lower canal include Carderock, Widewater, Pennyfield Lock, Violette’s Lock, Seneca and Sycamore Landing.

In the summer, interesting breeding species may be found all along the Canal, but the western part of the Canal in Alleghany County is especially rich in birdlife. Many northern breeding birds reach the southern limit of their summer range in the Appalachians, and several species of warblers can be seen, along with resident ruffed grouse, wild turkey and raven.

This checklist gives the relative abundance and seasonal occurrence for the birds of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park. Since the park includes a limited habitat type, these data may differ from data covering a broader geographic range. For example, shorebirds are infrequently encountered in the park and field birds are uncommon.

To report unusual sightings please contact the park’s Resource Manager at park headquarters, (301) 739-4200 or call the Audubon Naturalist Society at (301) 652-9188. To hear a weekly Audubon Naturalist Society recording about rare birds and field trips, call (301) 652-1088.

**Seasons**  
Sp–Spring (April–May)  
Su– Summer (June–July)  
F– Fall (August– November)  
W– Winter (December– March)

**Relative Abundance**  
C–Common– May be seen or heard most of the time in suitable habitat.  
F– Fairly Common– Occurs in small numbers in limited habitat  
U– Uncommon– Seen only a few times during a season  
R– Rare– Not seen every year but is seen often enough that it is no longer an accidental species.

**Notes**  
N– North of Harper’s Ferry  
S– South of Harper’s Ferry  
L– Local

DIVERS	Sp	Su	F	W	Notes
---- Common Loon	U		U	R	
---- Red-throated Loon	R			R	
---- Red-necked Grebe	R		R	R	
---- Pied Billed Grebe	U	R	U	U	
---- Horned Grebe	U		U	U	
---- Double Crested Cormorant	C	U	C		

WADING BIRDS					
---- American Bittern	R	R	R		
---- Least Bittern	R	R	R		
---- Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	F	
---- Little Blue Heron		R	R		
---- Great Egret	F	U	U		
---- Snowy Egret		R	R		
---- Cattle Egret		R	R		
---- Green Heron	C	C	C		
---- Black-crowned Night Heron	U	U	U		
---- Yellow-crowned Night Heron					
---- Heron	R	R	R		

WATERFOWL					
---- Tundra Swan	U		U	R	
---- Snow Goose	R		R	R	
---- Canada Goose	C	F	C	C	
---- Wood Duck	F	F	F	U	
---- Green-winged Teal	U		U	U	
---- American Black Duck	U		U	U	
---- Mallard	C	C	C	C	
---- Northern Pintail	R		R	R	
---- Blue-winged Teal	F		U		
---- Northern Shoveler	R		R	R	
---- Gadwall	R		R	R	
---- American Wigeon	U		U	U	
---- Canvasback	U		U	U	
---- Redhead	R		R	R	
---- Ring-necked Duck	U		U	U	
---- Greater Scaup	R		R	R	
---- Lesser Scaup	U		U	U	
---- Long-tailed Duck	R		R	R	
---- Common Goldeneye	U		U	U	
---- Bufflehead	U		U	U	
---- Hooded Merganser	U	R	U	U	
---- Common Merganser	U		U	U	
---- Red-breasted Merganser	U		U	U	
---- Ruddy Duck	U		U	U	
---- White-winged Scoter	R		R		

RAPTORS	Sp	Su	F	W	Notes
---- Black Vulture	F	F	F	F	L
---- Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	C	
---- Osprey	U	R	U		
---- Bald Eagle	U	U	U	U	
---- Northern Harrier	R		R	R	
---- Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	R	F	U	
---- Cooper's Hawk	R	R	R	R	
---- Northern Goshawk	R		R	R	
---- Red-shouldered Hawk	C	C	C	C	
---- Broad-winged Hawk	F	U	F		
---- Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C	
---- Rough-legged Hawk	R		R	R	
---- Golden Eagle	R		R	R	
---- American Kestrel	U	U	U	U	
---- Merlin	R		R		
---- Peregrine Falcon	R		R		

GAMEBIRDS, RAILS, GALLINULES, COOT					
---- Ring-necked Pheasant	U	U	U	U	
---- Ruffed Grouse	U	U	U	U	N
---- Northern Bobwhite	U	U	U		
---- King Rail	R		R		
---- Virginia Rail	R		R		
---- Sora	U		U		
---- Common Moorhen	U		U		
---- American Coot	U		U	U	
---- Wild Turkey	U	U	U	U	

SHOREBIRDS					
---- Solitary Sandpiper	F	U	F		
---- Spotted Sandpiper	F	U	F		
---- Killdeer	U	U	U	U	
---- Wilson’s Snipe	U		U	U	
---- American Woodcock	U	U	U	R	

GULLS, TERNS					
---- Laughing Gull		U	U		S
---- Ring-billed Gull	C	U	C	C	
---- Herring Gull	U	R	U	U	
---- Great Black-backed Gull	U	R	U	U	S
---- Caspian Tern	U	U	U		
---- Common Tern	R		R		

	Sp	Su	F	W	Notes
----Forster's Tern	U	U	U		
----Black Tern	R		R		

DOVES, OWLS					
----Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C	
---- Mourning Dove	C	C	C	C	
----Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
----Yellow-billed Cuckoo	C	C	C		
---- Barn Owl	U	U	U	U	
----Eastern Screech Owl	F	F	F	F	
----Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	
----Barred Owl	C	C	C	C	
----Long-eared Owl					R
----Short-eared Owl					R
----Northern Saw-whet Owl	R		U	U	
----Common Nighthawk	U	U	U		
----Chuck-will's-widow	R		R		
----Whip-poor-will	U	U	U		
----Chimney Swift	C	C	C		

HUMMINGBIRD, KINGFISHER, WOODPECKERS, FLYCATHCERS, SWALLOWS					
---- Ruby-throated Hummingbird	F	F	F		
----Belted Kingfisher	F	F	F	F	
----Red-headed Woodpecker					L
----er	U	U	U	U	
----Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
----Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U		U	U	
----Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
----Hairy Woodpecker	F	F	F	F	
----Northern Flicker	C	C	C	C	
----Pileated Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
----Olive-sided Flycatcher	R		R		
----Eastern Wood Pewee	C	C	C		
----Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U		U		
----Acadian Flycatcher	C	C	C		
----Alder Flycatcher	R		R		
----Willow Flycatcher	U	R	U		
----Least Flycatcher	U		U		
----Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C	R	
----Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C		
----Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C		
----Horned Lark	R	R	R	R	
----Purple Martin	U	U			
----Tree Swallow	C	C	C		
----Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C		
----Bank Swallow	F	U	F		
----Cliff Swallow	U	R	U		
----Barn Swallow	C	C	C		